

§ 1628.4

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(f) A recovery of an excess fund balance pursuant to this part does not constitute a termination under 45 CFR part 1606. *See* § 1606.2(c)(2)(ii).

(g) One-time and special purpose grants awarded by the Corporation are not subject to the fund balance policy set forth in this part. Revenue and expenses relating to such grants shall be reflected separately in the audit report submitted to the Corporation. This may be done by establishing a separate fund or by providing a separate supplemental schedule of revenue and expenses related to such grants as a part of the audit report. No funds provided under a one-time or special purpose grant may be expended subsequent to the expiration date of the grant without the prior written approval of the Corporation. Absent approval from the Corporation, all unexpended funds under such grants shall be returned to the Corporation.

§ 1628.4 Procedures.

(a) Within 30 days of the submission to LSC of its annual audited financial statements, a recipient may request a waiver of the 10% ceiling on LSC fund balances. The request shall specify:

(1) The LSC fund balance as reported in the recipient's annual audited financial statements;

(2) The reason(s) the excess fund balance resulted;

(3) The recipient's plan for disposition of the excess fund balance during the current fiscal year;

(4) The amount of fund balance projected to be carried forward at the close of the recipient's current fiscal year; and

(5) The special circumstances justifying the retention of the excess fund balance up to 25%, or the extraordinary and compelling circumstances set out in § 1628.3(c) justifying a fund balance in excess of 25%.

(b) Within 45 days of receipt of the recipient's waiver request submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the Corporation shall provide a written response to the request and a written notice to the recipient of any fund balance due and payable to the Corporation as well as the method for repayment.

(c) In the event that repayment is required, the Corporation shall give written notice 30 days prior to the effective date for repayment. Repayment shall be in a lump sum or by pro rata deductions from the recipient's grant checks for a specific number of months. The Corporation shall determine which of the specified methods of repayment is reasonable and appropriate in each case after consultation with the recipient.

(d) The decision of the Corporation regarding the granting of a waiver shall be guided by the statutory mandate requiring the recipient to provide high quality legal services in an effective and economical manner. In addition, the Corporation shall consider the following factors:

(1) Emergencies, unusual or unexpected occurrences, or the circumstances giving rise to the existence of a fund balance in excess of 10% of LSC support set out in § 1628.3(b) or (c);

(2) the special needs of clients;

(3) The need to retain a cash reserve for payments to private attorneys participating in the recipient's private attorney involvement (PAI) program; for acquisition of equipment or property; or for other expenditures which are reasonable and necessary for the performance of the LSC grant; and

(4) The recipient's financial management record.

(e) The Corporation's written approval of a request for a waiver shall require that the recipient use the funds it is permitted to retain within the time period set out in the approval and for the purposes approved by the Corporation.

(f) Excess fund balances approved by the Corporation for expenditure by a recipient shall be separately reported by natural line item in the current fiscal year's audited financial statements. This may be done by establishing a separate fund or by providing a separate supplemental schedule as part of the audit report.

(g) The recipient shall promptly inform and seek guidance from the Corporation when it determines a need for any changes to the conditions on timing or purposes set out in the Corporation's written approval of a recipient's request for a waiver.